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Mr. Walter S. Kramer
303 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Re: Pertinent data for a biographical sketch on
GUSTAV WURZWEILER

Dear Mr. Kramer:

As agreed with you in our telephone conversation, I am sending you this reminder that Dr. Frederick R. Lachman of the ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA is anxious to receive a biographical sketch on GUSTAV WURZWEILER to be published in the forthcoming Encyclopaedia Judaica. It is quite urgent as it should have been in quite some time ago as you know.

I mentioned to you that Dr. Gruenewald is willing to write one if you be kind enough to let him have some pertinent data on Gustav Wurzweiler's life, as, for instance;

Born March 10, 1896
Died March 2, 1954
Son of SIGMUND
Schooling REAL SCHULE
Emigration 1936 to BELGIUM, 1939 to Aix-en-PROVENCE,
Some life experience FRANCE, 1944 America
What according to your family's opinion
led him to establish the Foundation?

These are just suggestions.

You thought, you might be able on your return to the city this week to attend to this.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Fred Ziegellaub

cc: Dr. Max Gruenewald
Dr. Fred Grubel

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He was a self made man, with lots of
futz, & steel nerves and was willing to
take chances for big stakes.

He loved sports, was a champion
tennis player & excelled in horse racing
and used to race his own horses in

Europe. He liked to circulate in the
company of the pillars of society,
but called the lower East Side his
"real home".

He understood the foundation,
or what others could do what
he failed to do in his own life time.

The fear of filth and the
subtle influence of rabbi leadership
contributed to the establishment of
the foundation.

Bilam Kramer who tells it
as it was mother of ... and
and sister of ...

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In the mid-1960s (exact date unknown) members of the Board of the Gustav Wurzweiler Foundation attended a reception at the home of Dr. Samuel Belkin on Central Park West in Manhattan. The occasion was the announcement of a grant by the Foundation to the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University to enable the School to establish a doctoral program.

Pictured in the photograph from left to right are:

Walter Kramer, nephew of Gustav Wurzweiler, *still alive!*
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation
Max Etra, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Yeshiva University
Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, Gustav Wurzweiler's rabbi in the United States.
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation
Morton I. Teicher, Dean, Wurzweiler School of Social Work.
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation
Dr. Samuel Belkin, President, Yeshiva University
Herman Merkin, Friend of Gustav Wurzweiler,
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation
Hans Frank, Gustav Wurzweiler's lawyer,
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation
Rabbi Max Gruenwald, Gustav Wurzweiler's rabbi in Germany.
Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation

Eric Warburg was also a Board Member, Wurzweiler Foundation but was not present on this occasion. A resident of Germany, he rarely attended meetings of the Foundation.

The chairmanship of the Foundation Board alternated annually between Rabbis Lookstein and Gruenwald. It is not known which one was the chairman when the photo was taken.





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